Their principal food consists of earthworms, and it out of place to quote Topsail's quaint account of the the annelids : " When the wormes are followed by n digging and heaving they foreknow their owne pei fly to the superficies and very toppe of the earth, th knowing that the molde, their adversary, dare not f< into the liglit, so that their wit in flying their enen than in turning agaizie when they are troade upo lately been said[x] that Moles store up earthworms f< tiou during the winter, biting off their heads to pi crawling away.

Seal ops, an American genus, is a Mole-like creatur aquatic habits, as its webbed hind-feet show; it has a tail. Apparently, like the Shrews, it has no lower ca

Condi/lura, another American genus, is called th< Mole on account of a curious .radiating structure at the snout.

JMfyogctle, the Desman, is still more aquatic in connects the Moles with the Shrews, though, as in r former, it has lower canines. It has webbed hind-feet tail. One species occurs in the Pyrenees, the other in few other genera (*Urotrichus, Uropsiliis, Sca/ptoTi'i/m, Scapasius, J?erascalo%>s)* belong to the same family.

Fam. **9. Soricidae.**—The true Shrews have a r range than other families of the present order. In the region are found *jSforese, Orossopus, OTocidiircL^ Nectogo. rogale.* The first is also ISTearctic, and reaches Centr In the Ethiopian region is the single peculiar genus *M Orocidura* occurs there also. *JBlarina* and *JWotiosoreoc* are in range ; *Soriculus* Oriental. CVoc'idfo'm, *^Lmirosoreac,* a *Togale* also enter this region. *Screw* has teeth tipped -v colour, its dental formula being, according to Mr. ^ recent researches, I ^-^—3 C -J- Pin ^- M -§- = 3 2 or 34.

As compared "with other Insectivores, therefore, remarkable fact found throughout the

family is the abt lower canines. In addition to this the genus may b< th© family indeed—-by the large size of the first pair In. the above formula it is possible, thinks Mr. Woo< /fcliere mn,y "be errors; lie is not certain whether th

[1] Rltsema Bos, *Bivl. Centralbl.* xviii. 1898, T>. ***GB.***